
NSSE 2017

Senior Transitions: Open-Ended Responses

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The final question of the Senior Transitions module asked students to respond to the following question in an open text box:

"Is there anything your institution could have done better to prepare you for your career or further education? Please describe. "

Important:

- Confidential student responses to this question appear on the following pages. Because open-ended responses are confidential, student identifiers are not given in this report but are provided in a separate SPSS data file. For this reason, please use discretion when using, storing, and disseminating the SPSS file.
- These open-ended responses appear exactly as the students entered them and **may not be suitable for distribution without prior review**. Faculty members, administrators, or other students may be mentioned by name, and responses were not edited for grammar, offensive language, excessive length, or otherwise questionable content.
- Open-ended responses are sorted by class, enrollment status, and sex. Information for these variables was provided by your institution.

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Class	Enrollment	Sex	Open-Ended Response
Senior	Full-time	Female	No.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Liberal studies are overrated. You go through all those classes in high school and you have plenty of time to figure out your interests then. You don't need to broaden your horizon anymore at this point. It is a waste of time. (That's why no European school does that ever..) Instead NMU could encourage students to take courses that will be useful in later life. (Courses teaching you how to use Microsoft, teach you the basics of finances, etc.)</p> <p>Extra credit opportunities should not exist. We are in college; if you fail, you will have to work harder for other assignments. It encourages people to be lazy and makes it possible for hard working but less intelligent people to stand out. In real life there will be no extra credit.</p> <p>Attendance should not be expected/be part of a grade in every class. College students are old enough to manage themselves and decide what they need to directly hear from a professor and what they can teach themselves. Some things can be read in a book and studied on your own, while others need to be discussed in class or are easier to understand when taught in person. It teaches students self-management.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	No, the education department does a wonderful job of providing field experience and information/ coursework relating to each person's major.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Flexible class times to accommodate students who are parents. A lot of my classes were required in the evening, which took my away from young children in the evening, with limited child care options during evening hours.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More hands on real world projects need to be available.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have had professors not only in my field of Psychology but in Social Work, Biology, Nutrition, and Philosophy and every one has provided an educational experience that has taught me about subjects I otherwise would be ignorant to. I feel that the responsibility of our education rests with us the students, the opportunities for a great education are here at Northern, it's up to us to take advantage of them.
Senior	Full-time	Female	When given the opportunity of an internship I had to deny it because it was unpaid. Northern Michigan University wouldn't give credits (which I needed) for an unpaid internship. I think that is a bit regressive and it definitely made a negatively impact on my life. The organization I had an internship with wouldn't accept an intern if they weren't getting credit for the internship. Thus, I couldn't garner any experience in the field I was interested in while in college.
Senior	Full-time	Female	..
Senior	Full-time	Female	For the nursing program in particular, an interview should be required to get into the program. It would make it so that only people who have good communication skills can pursue a career in nursing, which I find to be very important. It should not be all focused on grades.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Having more career related workshops or talks for art and design students
Senior	Full-time	Female	Had more means in which I could find internships or something related to my field of study
Senior	Full-time	Female	More professional development within my major/department. Focusing on applying the skills we learn to the workplace and how to effectively market ourselves in the international industry.
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	I wish the sociology department had worked with me more to understand the best options for after 4 year degree education, and how best to utilize said major in the work force.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Allowing more interdisciplinary study with less limiting red tape would have been a huge help. I spent the first two years of my college career trying to work out alternative paths to gain this knowledge before finally finding an academic adviser who helped me with this process (a faculty member).

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Senior	Full-time	Female	Perhaps offer a grad prep 1-credit course? One hour appointments every other month with Career Services and my Student Support Services advisor just isn't enough.
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	offer job shadowing or volunteer services to students before junior and senior status
Senior	Full-time	Female	no
Senior	Full-time	Female	Yeah, they could focus on actually funding the academia part of the school rather than our shitty sports teams who like to go around causing fights and robbing people. Oh and maybe actually listen to the students and faculty who are the whole reason your getting paid? Oh oh, and maybe instead of giving yourself a pay raise why don't you put the money to better use like funding the school and teachers.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More hands on clinical time or nursing simulation time to mimic real life situations instead of paperwork
Senior	Full-time	Female	There NEEDS to be better information given to incoming freshman about what is important in their academic career. I never knew that I was supposed to be meeting with my adviser multiple times discussing my future goals and having him help prepare me for what I need to do. I also did not know that I needed to get involved in research to put on my CV to help me get into graduate school. There needs to be more communication on this in all departments.
Senior	Full-time	Female	It would be great for feed back on my papers or my teachers to show up to class. I graduate with a bachelors in 3 1/2 years and I feel it was the biggest waist of my time, hard work and money. If I could do it all over again I would not attend college or at least not NMU my full time professors were horrible the adjunct were great though. Over all i met many interesting people, but completely was turned off to my love for law, the constitution, history and the legal feild in my last semester and want to do nothing with it at all and highly regret ever attending college and I feel that the US should stop pressuring high schools to go to college because if you don't go it doesn't mean your a failure.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Nope
Senior	Full-time	Female	The required English courses for non-English majors are abysmal and I would feel more confident with my written work if they were up to par with other universities.
Senior	Full-time	Female	They could have kept the normal amount of credits at 18 instead of lowering it to 16 and they could have hired more accounting and finance professors so they can offer more classes.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I think educating people within the major about the different career options would have prepared me better. Earth science is a broad major with many different branches; so it can be difficult determining the career options.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	The commuter parking could be improved a lot. I traveled over 60 miles both ways sometimes 3 times a week to attend NMU, paid the \$140 fee for the parking pass and sometimes could not find a spot to park in the commuter parking lot. I think Northern Michigan University needs to find the funding to make it more convenient for students like me who are traveling a long way from home to have access to available parking at all times. Please consider my suggestion for future commuter students who do not live in the Marquette area but still choose NMU.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Bringing in alumni to give advice to prepare for licensure exams and finding employment after graduation.
Senior	Full-time	Female	There can always be more support for students from diverse backgrounds who are often times navigating college with little to no prior knowledge personally or familial based. Guidance through the enrollment, academic and professional process would be a wonderful addition to students of colors educational experience.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Nmu has been a great choice. For me it was the perfect choice, bperfect balance of schooling and socializing
Senior	Full-time	Female	They could have stopped cutting courses and getting rid of the good professors. They could also have been more helpful in the administration side of things and could have really used a lot more work on their customer services and relational capabilities. They could have created a better, diverse environment and taken claims relating to safety more seriously. Overall there is a lot that this school could have done differently. I can not wait to graduate and be done with this place. Given the chance to do college over again I would not have chosen NMU.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I wish that there were ways to test out of courses. Some of the courses that I had to take were so similar to another course I had taken that I never had to study and I felt that I wasted some of my time by taking that course when I could have been taking a more advanced course that challenged me.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Letting the students know more about the opportunities provided for them. You should not just send it in an email because a lot of students will just ignore it. I think it would be cool to have a magazine like the one the alumni have. If we already have that, then it needs to be promoted more. I also think it would be beneficial to have meetings with people based on their majors. Meetings where you explain what you can do with your major and what jobs and opportunities are available to you now and after you graduate. I think this can be done on a monthly or weekly bases.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Given greater advice in employment and career opportunities and skills requisite for those careers that I should focus on developing while studying here.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I wish NMU would offer negotiation courses. I believe that a course in negotiation would have helped me with the career that I will be pursuing. Negotiating is also a great life skill that all majors would benefit from.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would have liked a class that teaches basic life skills and how to apply/get accepted into a job when you graduate.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Allowing me to have my own opinion that is different than theirs without being penalized for it
Senior	Full-time	Female	Put money into bettering your programs (instead of cutting them) before spending money on trivial appearance-related things (i.e. giant TVs everywhere that just get used to display a map). As a biology major, our equipment is outdated and not at all competitive with what other universities offer. I feel completely unprepared to compete with students from other Michigan universities for jobs in my field simply because they've had access to better lab equipment/supplies (and therefore are able to learn the skills applicable with these things).
			People come to college ultimately for how good the programs are. Appearances are important, but not if you're cutting programs and divvying money away from what actually makes the university a functional institution.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More personal academic advising support from my department
Senior	Full-time	Female	The biology department prepares and challenges students more so than other universities.
Senior	Full-time	Female	No very much enjoyed my time there. I have already graduated and was full time before I graduated December 2016
Senior	Full-time	Female	I wish commuter students would be informed about events on campus as much as the students on campus. I felt left out a lot of the time and it really demoralized my outlook.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	Provide more instructors with different teaching styles and more class times per semester. Having 1 section of course each semester makes it hard to work while in school. Some professors are also stuck in past ways of teaching rather than making their methods work with the new age technology.
Senior	Full-time	Female	As a Physiology major I was required to take several courses (such as ecology, evolution, orgo 1 and 2, physics 1 and 2, etc.) that had NOTHING to do with physiology. I understand maybe taking orgo 1 or physics 1 but both semesters? I was denied from a medical school because I didn't have enough PHYSIOLOGY. I am graduating as a physiology major with ONE physiology course. This is insane to me. I wish I would have changed my major to general biology and had more freedom to take elective courses (ex: immunology, parasitology, human disease) to better prepare me for my future in HEALTH CARE. I do not feel prepared for my future with this degree and it's disappointing. My lowest grades were in courses completely unrelated to my career path. This major was a lot of busy work without much reward. The professors in this major often times were too focused on their own agendas and research to help me with my career. I felt that the coursework was challenging and I learned a lot, I definitely feel prepared for the challenges of medical school but I don't have the knowledge I need. I know how to study hard but I didn't learn about what I wanted to, the reasons I took this major. I felt that the professors often time (not all, NMU has some awesome science professors), but often times they would be so wrapped up in making exams difficult and not enough in actually teaching us. If your class average is a 60%.... YOU are the problem, not the students. I'm disappointed in my major. I hope this feedback helps future physiology students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Nope
Senior	Full-time	Female	Freshman seminar is a waste of time. There should be a research fair each semester for undergrads to learn about opportunities for research at the school.
Senior	Full-time	Female	more information on criminal justice jobs after college
Senior	Full-time	Female	I wish my advisor didn't push me so much to become a Physical Therapist. I told him multiple times that I just want to be a Physical Therapy Assistant and he keeps saying I should just go for the full Physical Therapist. I do not want to do that much schooling and it is really irritating that he keeps trying to persuade me to pursue that. I feel like he also judges me somewhat when I say I don't want to get a Master's or Doctorate degree yet, or I may not even pursue that.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More emphasis on how to build units in teaching math would have been helpful.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Less liberal arts classes so that I could focus on my major and minor classes more.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Not at the level of classes. All of my professors have been amazing. What I would like to see is more support and funding for academic departments. Why are we funding new dorms and hockey screens when we are under-paying and firing professors? They work so hard for so little. If it's a question of appropriations from the state, then we need to ask for less funding for buildings and more for academics. Also, Northern should have kept the flat-tuition rate at 18 credits. It punished people like me who take 20 credits every semester.
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	NMU was an incredible place for me to grow during college and I have no complaints
Senior	Full-time	Female	My major has quite a few issues. I am a physiology major and feel that I am wasting time in ecology, evolution, ect. There are also way too many labs. No other school in Michigan has a lab with every class like we do. I do not want to work in a laboratory so why do I have to participate in so many?
Senior	Full-time	Female	Included more of a business related aspect into our economics courses. They also could have made it required to speak to our advisors more... students are busy and unless forced will more likely than not avoid their academic advisors

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Senior	Full-time	Female	It could have taught me more leadership and networking skills. I didn't learn anything about starting a private practice or any entrepreneurial skills. I also would have enjoyed more flexibility in course requirements, especially in regards to how many hours we need to spend at our internships. Better preparation for a master's program would have been nice as well; even explaining what expectations for completion might be. I also learned nothing about how to become certified in my field, which is quite important for a Social Worker. Now I have to figure out how to become certified on my own, or actively seek out someone who might be able to assist me.
Senior	Full-time	Female	It would have been more helpful to me if my adviser was more involved. As a freshman i did not know what classes to take and how they could help me. Instead of helping me pick my classes, my adviser would just check my classes i selected to make sure they would cover something for my degree. It would have been more helpful if my adviser would have told me what courses could double count and make it easier for me to take less courses that didnt have to do with my major.
Senior	Full-time	Female	In-depth look at what might happen, opportunities in this area
Senior	Full-time	Female	I believe that instructors should have a higher education then their students. Academic advisors are very poor at this institution. I know of many people who had to take an extra semester to graduate due to false information from advisor. One of my instructors only had an associate's degree. The Surgical Technology program is very unorganized and I did not feel prepared to enter into the career world. The CLS program is very organized.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The higher level biology classes I was forced to take (molecular and advanced cell) need to be taught by someone who actually wants to teach and cares about students and their well being. 400 level classes shouldn't be taught by a professor who what he lacks in basic communication skills doesn't make up for by being a great teacher. Also NMU needs to be more aware in general about how the biology professors talk about their jobs. Most of them complain in class and outside of class about how they would rather not be teaching, that doesn't make me want to learn from them. Overall my experience at NMU was okay but the only reason I enjoyed my time here was because of the professional connections I was able to make through the CLS program. Through their guidance and unwavering confidence in me I now work at The Mayo Clinic which is the number one hospital in the world.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Offered more hands on learning experiences for my majors. Aside from an intro to psych lab I have not had the chance to apply what I am learning to something real.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I completed a management internship on my own but I think it would be beneficial if this was required of the business management degree because I learned a lot and I know other would have too. If I didn't do the internship I would have felt underprepared going into my career field of retail management.
Senior	Full-time	Female	For my specific major, marketing, it would have been helpful to be given better examples of future career paths and then minors that would pair well with those. Although marketing doesn't require a minor, it would have been helpful to have an graphic communications minor in order to be better versed for some of the jobs I have applied to. I did not realize this until it was too late.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The institution could have required an internship, made opportunities more known and required a class that would directly relate to occupation exploration rather than solely preparing us for graduate school. I also believe they could have promoted being involved more and mixing ethnic groups together better.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The program here isn't a certified program, but we are earning a certificate towards what we want to do. It would have been useful to know that the career path wasn't certified before my senior year, but they are working to provide an alternative.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Discussing options besides graduate school and explaining how to overcome loan stress.
Senior	Full-time	Female	It would have been nice to have more opportunities for internships related to my major. I feel like my institution could do better with helping students explore Masters programs & exploring career options.
Senior	Full-time	Female	No, I had lots of hands on experience in my classes and utilized university services to become a better student (the writing center, tutoring center, etc.)
Senior	Full-time	Female	Taught the importance of networking within specific major fields, had a better program for setting up internship with one's field

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Senior	Full-time	Female	It would have been better if there were more real work experience opportunities other than away from home internships. Unpaid internships are for students that don't pay their own bills! There should also be more opportunities for research assistant positions working with professors. It would have been more beneficial to work part time as a research assistant with a professor in my field of interest. Instead I worked a part time dead end job for three years as a kitchen attendant without recognition for my work. This could be said of almost all kitchen/custodial/grounds student positions.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I feel like the Secondary Education program isn't comparable to the Elementary Education program in how much time we spend in the schools. The elementary students are in the schools far more than we are, and I wish that we were given that opportunity. They also spend a lot more time giving lessons and lesson planning, which I wish we did more of in the Secondary Education program.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I was in the nursing program, so I had a very positive experience. The Nursing Program faculty were always very professional and extremely competent. However, when taking non-nursing courses, I don't think that the institution did a very good job of teaching non-biased world-based views. I think the institution could work more on inclusion of all peoples of the world, could focus more on its students rather than its sports teams and could improve their sustainability.
Senior	Full-time	Female	For the education program, it would be better to learn the timeline of when things will happen. For example, you need to take the MTTC before methods block one, but the second part just needs to be done before graduation. There were a lot of times that I didn't know what to expect. I think there could be more detailed descriptions for the course info such as some activities that are done, if there is a placement in the classroom, etc.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Currently doing an internship with the local police department. I had everything set up at the beginning of the semester with the police department and the registrar and had gotten the approval of the secretary at the CJ department at NMU. However, I almost was not able to do it because the internship coordinator would not sign off on it because I was "too late in handing back my paperwork." However, I talked to the secretary and she said that she had made that rule because people were coming in 3 or 4 at a time about internships for that current semester and with so many people it was hard to get everything coordinated. She said that on an individual basis there were circumstances, such as mine, that would warrant approval by her and that all I needed was the internship coordinator to sign the paper. Even after relating all of this back to him he said no, even though I told him that there was a possible job to come out of it afterwards. Again, I talked to the secretary who told me to go to the department head, which I did, and he immediately signed off on the paperwork and approved it once he heard my situation. In the longrun, I got the internship I had been working towards for 2 years, but I was very disappointed that the INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR was the one that was holding me back from an internship when his job is to help students get experience in the field through internships. I was very frustrated and not at all impressed with the Criminal Justice department.
Senior	Full-time	Female	It would be nice to have more courses related to the medical field that pre-med students could take.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The past few years I've definitely been frustrated with some of the required courses in order to graduate with my Physiology major. I am in the premed program and there is one course in particular - Ecology - that is not required by medical schools but IS required by Physiology major requirements to graduate. I find this outrageous. I'm not interested in the subject whatsoever. I did poorly in the class which took a toll on my GPA which will eventually hinder my chances of getting into medical school. I do not believe the requirements for graduation here are sufficient for pre-Med students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	My major requires an internship. I think it is great that an internship is required because it is very important for real-world experience and resume building. However, my program nor academic advisor helped me find or understand which internship opportunity would match and prepare me for my personal and specific future career plans.
Senior	Full-time	Female	BETTER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES MORE REAL WORLD PREPARATION LSAT PREP COURSES

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Senior	Full-time	Male	Offered more than just one public history class. For those interested in pursuing a career in history, its important for people to know that the field is not limited to just teaching. For example, I am looking to go into Historic preservation, until i took public history my junior year I had no prior knowledge of this career path, I planned on teaching. That would have been a huge mistake.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Perhaps more information on possible locations best suited for major as well as providing extensive background on what to do after receiving bachelors and certifications. Provide more information on internships, besides the job fairs which I attended few of them. Lastly, organizing of the exact requirements for my current major. The educational classes themselves were very good for the most part and the bad experiences with classes were partially the professors fault and not of the institution.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Faculty is OK. Administration is bad. The only draw to the University is its geographic location (Marquette).
Senior	Full-time	Male	The only thing I wish my institution could offer is a master's program for environmental studies, I would like to continue my education after I graduate in the spring, but moving again to pursue my Master's seems daunting.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Gotten a job in my career field so I would of had experience when I graduated.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Northern Michigan University sends a clear message to the student body that it as a body cares more about promoting a positive image than addressing actual student issues and improving those things on campus, including Mental Health and Smoking, both of which have strongly promoted policies designed to make the university look good first, and incidentally might improve the health or safety of students.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The administration here always has felt almost anti-student. They care much more about the money than they do the happiness of their students.
Senior	Full-time	Male	They could've definitely stayed out of politics. Every hallway has professors expressing their political ideals on doorways in the form of stickers. An Educational institution should only have their professors expressing education and not their own political ideals. The other things that I would change about NMU, is that they could be more fiscally responsible, update labs, increase the amount of funding towards Jacobetti classes and less to arts/english. We should be focusing on providing education to our students that will actually give them jobs. Stay out of Politics NMU. NMU should also expand on their engineering programs!!!! They should offer Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering along with the current MET and EET programs.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Short of having more resources for a wider variety of research possibilities, there is not much more Northern could have done for me.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Take out useless liberal requirements
Senior	Full-time	Male	Adding a cadaver lab for health field students would be very beneficial in increasing the knowledge of the human body, compared to just using models. I also heard the old hospital will be used for nursing students. I strongly suggest it should be used by ALL health field students.. I also feel sports science students should have more "hands on" learning classes that relate to their real world jobs.
Senior	Full-time	Male	better plans and help with getting internships and preparing for interviews
Senior	Full-time	Male	Lower tuition costs! They are unreasonably high. Much of my time is spent working and I haven't begun to dent the student loans. the effects of stress from student loans is extremely detrimental. More research papers assigned. These are valuable assignments
Senior	Full-time	Male	Nobody's prepared me to seek research opportunities outside this university.
Senior	Full-time	Male	No

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>We need instructors with real world experience. Almost every instructor I have ever had has only ever been (or planned on being) a teacher. And this is the only thing they have ever done or ever wanted to do. They know how to be a teacher, and that is great. But I am extremely confident that I (and 95% of all other students) learn far more valuable information from someone who has actually done something "in the field" of that study.</p> <p>(For example: A retired Sales Representative teaching a sales class. Or a former Operations Manager teaching an Operations Management class.)</p> <p>This is how institutions and universities can prepare their students for employment after graduation. This is how you prepare students for the next step.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	Get rid of over half of the courses required for a major. Liberal studies are a joke and a waste of time and money. If I was given the option to go back and do it all over again, I would never have gone to college. Such a waste of money. I'm just not a quitter.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I wish there was more emphasis on applying our studies to real-world problem-solving. I also wish that my institution challenged students (me) more.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Help more with post graduate work or registration
Senior	Full-time	Male	Taught me sooner about résumés and interviews.
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>To begin, I had a hard time transferring to NMU. I was told most of my credits would transfer after working with advisors at the community college and NMU. I got to NMU and then found out they would not accept most of the my credits. Which cost me to lose a years worth of transferring credits to NMU. The CJ and MGT programs at NMU , the ten year teachers don't care about the student evaluations at the end of the semester and most of them need to retire. I had certificates for programs in computers, yet I still had to take classes to fill the "course requirements" which in return cost me more money, time and was exactly what I had taken in previous years. If you bought a textbook at the bookstore the school gave you less than half of what you paid even if the book was never opened, because I purchased the books and the instructors never used them. Teachers who wrote there own books expected you to get theirs so they could make a profit and you didn't use/need the book in class much if any at all. The food at NMU was horrible and it's a shame that culinary students weren't able to cook the food in the main dining halls. Living on campus like I did for the few years I was there was a joke. I first went to NMU at age 21 and was put in the dorms. Apartments on campus were sub-par, and they didn't plow the sidewalks/parking little to none and did a crappy job at that. I once had a teacher for a science class say we had to go to class the next day even if school was canceled due to bad weather, which it was just so we could get 20 extra credit points in -temps. If you lived in apartments on campus and it was bad out, you were not able to park closer to the classes which sucked. Laundry facilities were broken just about everytime you went to wash your clothes. People on campus walked around with sticks up there butts, concerts on campus were a joke due to all the stoner hippies who went there and tripped on acid. Since I was a student employee, I worked at the dome often, and the parking there is a nightmare (builders show) among other events. Even when winds are 30mph or more, they expect you to stand outside for minimum wage if that. Building security/lot guard is another joke/waste of time walking around campus for hours on end till 3am bored out of your mind. The sports programs were very very disappointing, I would have rather watched the highschool kids beat the college kids in sports which they could have being NMU teams sucked. Overall I would never go back to NMU or recommend that school to anyone who was looking. Shame to say, but even in my couple of years there, it went downhill each year. I think that NMU is no better than a community college, yet costs twice as much. Too many liberal crybabys and bad classes to count.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	Finance degree is worthless, there is only one professor in the accounting program who has taught me all I know in finance as well as accounting
Senior	Full-time	Male	There should be an advanced physical chemistry class and an advanced organic chemistry class
Senior	Full-time	Male	It would be helpful if my institution provided or built jobs that helped students connect what they learn in the classroom to real life situations. A good example of this is Invent@NMU. Teacher involvement in these organizations would be helpful.

NSSE 2017 Senior Transitions

Open-Ended Responses

Northern Michigan University

Class	Enrollment	Sex	Open-Ended Response
Senior	Full-time	Male	Discussing specific jobs you could gain from the knowledge in certain classes and what you need for that, or what specific degrees would typically do. For instance I'm taking a lot of programming courses but I don't know exactly the job titles I'm looking for or the full extent of these languages I'm learning could be.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	If there is anything this institution could do to make sure students are better prepared for their future career, is take students feedback on professors seriously. Almost an entire class had went to the head of the biology department last semester to complain about John Bruggink and nothing was done. I had had this professor twice, he is the head of Wildlife Management (which is my major), and I've considered switching majors just to avoid him as a professor.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Waiting to see what the real world consists of, so we will see.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Have more class offerings during each semester for the biology department.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The AD303 is much too stressful on the students. There should be another way for the students to succeed in the art program if they have failed 303, rather than being immediately dropped from the program. The stress is negative on the work and the value of the class as real-world experience.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Perhaps a better idea of how I would be able to pay for the education I've been receiving would have been helpful prior to running out of financial aid resources part way through my program.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Because I was undecided when I entered NMU about my degree goals, I was assigned an advisor who was not creative nor willing to help me. It was very frustrating. Also, while you do offer many online classes and some evening classes for a non traditional student it can be very difficult to find classes (i.e. classes that require a lab) which are offered outside the original workday. I also took many classes that I didn't need before I actually had an adviser who assisted me.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I love NMU.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Having a person who has many connections that can offer students internships or potential careers in a variety of fields or industries.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I attended NMU in the 1980's - early 1990's. I perceived the community and the university to be very Eurocentric and not open to diversity. I re-enrolled to complete my degree and found the registrar's office to be very helpful. I initially left the university due to the lack of cultural diversity and administrative assistance. There were people in place years ago that actively worked towards increasing minority attrition rates. I now feel that the university has changed and is much more accepting of diversity and actively increasing the matriculation rate of minorities.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I believe more experience with the software required for my degree major would be very helpful.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Have a career fair. Not just a job fair, a career fair where companies are looking for students to start their careers with them
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Have academic advisors who actually make contact with students